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THE ATHENS PRESS REPORTED PROMINENTLY TODAY (APRIL 15) TURKISH MINISTER OF ENERGY KILIC'S STATEMENT THAT THE TURKISH SEISMIC RESEARCH VESSEL SISMIK WOULD RESUME ITS RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHERN AEGEAN ON MAY 1. MOST MEDIA COVERAGE DULY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT INDICATED SISMIK'S ACTIVITIES WOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT MINISTER KILIC HAD INDICATED THAT THREE OF FIVE PETROLEUM DEPOSITS LOCATED DURING SISMIK'S EARLIER RESEARCH WERE PROMISING. CITING "DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" IN ANKARA, THE SAME REPORTS ALSO STATED THE GREE-TURKISH DISCUSSIONS ON THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE TURKISH NATIONAL ELECTIONS JUNE 5.

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